### MEETING NO. 4142

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF DETROIT HELD WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 6, 2016**

10:00 A.M.

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS' CONFERENCE ROOM ONE DETROIT CENTER, 500 WOODWARD; SUITE 3000 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

### TRUSTEES PRESENT

Wendell Anthony Trustee

Scott Benson Ex-Officio Trustee/City Council Member

Lori Cetlinski Trustee Tasha L. Cowan Trustee

Lou Hatty Trustee/Chairman

Eric Higgs Ex-Officio Trustee/Deputy CFO

Felicia Johnson Trustee

John Naglick Ex-Officio Trustee/Finance Director

June Nickleberry Trustee

Thomas Sheehan Trustee/Vice-Chairman

### TRUSTEES EXCUSED

None

### **TRUSTEES ABSENT**

None

### ALSO PRESENT

Cynthia A. Thomas Executive Director

Deborah A. Wilkerson Assistant Executive Director

Michael VanOverbeke General Counsel Rita Coats Recording Secretary

### STAFF EXCUSED

Ryan Bigelow Chief Investment Officer

# CHAIRMAN

### **LOU HATTY**

The Board's Recording Secretary took a verbal Roll Call at 10:15 a.m. and Chairman Hatty called the meeting to order.

<u>Present at Roll Call</u>: Scott Benson, Lori Cetlinski, Tasha L. Cowan, Lou Hatty, June Nickleberry and Thomas Sheehan.

### Re: Service Retirement(s)

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Nickleberry

**RESOLVED,** that the application(s) for **SERVICE RETIREMENT** which is outlined below be hereby APPROVED:

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Ebere I. Onwuneme – Sr Asoc CV Eng-Desgn

Water & Sewerage

SERVICE CREDIT 32-02 EFFECTIVE DATE 11-25-15

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Ronald D. Smith – Sr Ast Chem Eng-IW –

Water & Sewerage

SERVICE CREDIT 29-06 EFFECTIVE DATE 11-21-15

NAME, TITLE, DEPARTMENT Joe M. Wilson – Asst EMS Spvr-Gd II – Fire

(Civilian)

SERVICE CREDIT 23-08 EFFECTIVE DATE 01-12-16

Yeas: Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 6

# Re: Fees and Expenses

Resolution Moved By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Cetlinski

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been presented with the List of Disbursements for Board Approval which is referenced below requesting payment for Fees and Expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has been requested to approve payment of said Fees and Expenses; **THEREFORE BE IT** 

**RESOLVED,** that subject to staff audit and approval of all Legal Fees by the Board's General Counsel, the Board **APPROVE** payment of the following Fees and Expenses:

<u>PAYEE</u>	DATE	INVOICE NO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
LEGAL FEES:				
CLARK HILL, P.L.C.	10/30/2015	622931	Angela Keeler thru 9/30/15	\$26,989.68
PEPPER HAMILTON, LLP	12/9/2015	10959571A	Rivers Casino 11/30/15	\$533.75
PEPPER HAMILTON, LLP	6/13/2015	10935461A	Rivers Casino 6/30/15	\$305.00
VANOVERBEKE MICHAUD & TIMMONY, P.C.	9/4/2015	8403	Legal Fees- 3/1/14-3/31/14	\$14,316.00
VANOVERBEKE MICHAUD & TIMMONY, P.C.	9/4/2015	8402	Legal Fees- 3/1/14-3/31/14	\$32,896.50
Subtotal				\$75,040.93
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:				
500 WEBWARD LLC	1/1/2016	9963	January Rent and CAM Estimate	\$20,669.85
ADP, INC	12/11/2015	225.06	Check Printing Services	\$112.53
BASSETT & BASSETT	12/14/2015	121415	Media Consultant: November 2015	\$10,553.40
BASSETT & BASSETT	12/14/2015	W121415	Media Consultant: Web Development November 2015	\$506.70
CINTAS CORPORATION-300	12/30/2015	300422722	Floor Mats	\$54.26
FEDEX	12/23/2015	5-264-88888	FedEx Mailings	\$37.74
FEDEX	12/16/2015	5-256-75888	FedEx Mailings	\$19.76
OFFICE DEPOT	12/15/2015	812396885001	Office Supplies	\$142.99
QUILL CORPORATION	12/8/2015	1336910	Office Supplies	\$12.91
QUILL CORPORATION	12/8/2015	1253130	Office Supplies	\$22.24
Subtotal				\$32,132.38
OTHER EXPENSES:				
ARMELLA J NICKLEBERRY-CLARK	12/16/2015	121615	Trustee Parking 8/18/15-12/15/15	\$70.00
REGINALD E. ONEAL	12/17/2015	121715	Medical Examinations: 11/16/15-12/16/15	\$1,540.00
REPUBLIC UNDERWRITERS	12/9/2015	76016	Fiduciary Insurance Renewal 12/22/15-12/21/16	\$645,451.00
TASHA L COWAN	12/23/2015	122315	Trustee Parking 12/23/15	\$35.00
Subtotal				\$647,096.00
PAYEE	DATE	INVOICE NO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Total Disbursements for Board Approval				\$754,269.31

Yeas: Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 6

# **Re: Refunds of Accumulated Contributions**

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan - Supported By: Trustee Cetlinski

**RESOLVED,** that the contributions to the Annuity Savings Fund by members of the General Retirement System, as set forth on **List No. 7239** in the amount of **\$1,478,379.42** including interest, be **REFUNDED**, pending audit by the Retirement Systems' Accounting Staff.

Yeas: Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 6

Nays: None

### Re: Employee Loan Program

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Cetlinski

**RESOLVED,** that the disbursements for the Employee Loan Program by members of the General Retirement System, as set forth in the amount of **\$62,003.00**, including interest, be hereby **APPROVED.** 

Yeas: Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 6

Nays: None

- > Trustee John Naglick entered the Board Meeting at 10:25 a.m.
- > Trustee Wendell Anthony entered the Board Meeting at 10:27 a.m.
- > Trustee Felicia Johnson entered the Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- > Trustee Eric Higgs entered the Board Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

### **Re: General Investment Committee Expense Report**

Motion By: Trustee Benson – Supported By: Trustee Anthony

To provide a quarterly accumulative expense report of the Investment Committee to be provided to the Board.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 10

### **Open Forum**

## Chairperson Lou Hatty opened the meeting for public discussion:

City of Detroit Retiree and President of Detroit Active and Retired Employee Association (**DAREA**) **William Davis** addressed the Board regarding the following:

- DAREA updates
- Educational seminar
- 1099 forms

~Concludes Public Comment~

### Re: Minutes/Journal No. 4138

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Anthony

**RESOLVED,** that the Minutes/Journal of Proceedings, Meeting No. 4138 of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit, held Wednesday, December 9, 2015 be hereby **APPROVED** as recorded and submitted.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 10

Nays: None

### Re: Minutes/Journal No. 4141

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Anthony

**RESOLVED,** that the Minutes/Journal of Proceedings, Meeting No. 4141 of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Retirement System of the City of Detroit, held Wednesday, December 30, 2015 be hereby **APPROVED** as recorded and submitted.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 10

# ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Executive Director, **Deborah A. Wilkerson**, discussed the following:

# Re: (Active) Employee Trustee Election 2016

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Cowan

To approve the dates for the upcoming Active Trustee Election 2016.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry

and Sheehan – 10

Nays: None

### Re: GRS Board Meeting Bi-Weekly

Motion By: Trustee Cetlinski – Supported By: Trustee Naglick

To approve the General Retirement System board meetings to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Following discussion of the foregoing motion, the motion which follows was made:

Motion By: Trustee Benson – Supported By: Trustee Naglick

That the foregoing motion be **Tabled** for 30 days to allow staff adequate time to prepare a plan on how to move forward; cost savings, analysis, procedures and concerns.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry

and Sheehan - 10

Navs: None

### Re: General Retirement System's 2016 – Scheduled Board Meetings

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Anthony

To adopt a schedule for the month and after 30 days for reporting as adopted.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry

and Sheehan – 10

Nays: None

~Concludes Assistant Executive Director's Report~

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, **Cynthia A. Thomas**, presented the following to the Board for discussion:

- Outstanding I.T. updates
- Lunch/Learn Seminar, January 22, 2016
- Billed contributions
- DWSD terminated with City; re: Hybrid Plan
- Audit update

~Concludes Executive Director's Report~

# CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Investment Officer, **Michael Krushena**, reported to the Board the following:

- GASB 67: In review process
- Alpha Partners: Chief Investment Officer will be meeting with Ms. Rodgers
- Collecting contracts
- Kathleen Colin, Oppenheimer, outcome of portfolio

~Completes Chief Investment Officer's Report~

# GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel, **Michael VanOverbeke**, in addition to matters referred to separately in these minutes, discussed the following:

Re: 2016 Annual Conferences

Motion By: Trustee Sheehan – Supported By: Trustee Benson

To rescind educational conferences on a yearly basis and approve educational conferences on an individual basis as presented.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick and Sheehan – 9

Nays: Nickleberry - 1

# General Counsel's Report - (Con't)

Re: ISPM Conference

### Motion By: Trustee Benson – Supported By: Trustee Cetlinski

To approve the attendance of Trustee Scott Benson to attend the Investment Strategies and Portfolio Management conference on May 16 - 20, 2016, held in Philadelphia, PA., and that the Board approves expenditures to attend said conference.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 10

Nays: None

### Re: Educational Conference - Reimbursement

### Motion By: Trustee Anthony – Supported By: Trustee Sheehan

To approve the reimbursement for Trustee June Nickleberry that attended a two-day conference held on January 11 – 12, 2016, in Washing, D.C. for Trustee Training Program provided by IFEBP.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry and Sheehan - 10

Nays: None

# <u>Updates</u>

- Estate of Kenneth Kroll (No action)
- Annual Report for Year Ending: <u>December 31, 2015</u>

### Re: Supplemental ASF Recoupment Cash Option

### Motion By: Trustee Anthony – Supported By: Trustee Cetlinski

To have General Counsel proceed to court to take appropriate action the 25 members identified in the lump sum action.

Yeas: Anthony, Benson, Cetlinski, Cowan, Hatty, Higgs, Johnson, Naglick, Nickleberry and Sheehan – 10

# General Counsel's Report - (Con't)

• Death Benefit Plan letter

~Concludes Legal Report~

# **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Confidentiality: (Attorney/Client Privilege)
- Trustee Cetlinski, Higgs and Naglick left the Board Meeting for the day at 12:50 p.m.

**Direction of the Chair:** To have each Trustee review the Ethics Policy

· Annuity Statement: Interest not adding up

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, **Chairman Hatty** adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **January 13, 2016**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Retirement Systems' Conference Room, 500 Woodward Avenue Suite 3000; Detroit, Michigan 48226.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DEBORAH A. WILKERSON

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ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR